

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) An intracardiac pumping device for percutaneous insertion, comprising a pump connected at the proximal end with a catheter and at the suction-side distal end with a canula having inlet openings remote from the pump, characterized in that a flexible pigtail tip is provided at the canula distal of all of the inlet openings, wherein said flexible pigtail tip forms a spacer for keeping said inlet openings spaced apart from adjacent heart walls.
2. (Previously Presented) The pumping device of claim 1, wherein the pigtail tip comprises a non-sucking projection.
3. (Previously Presented) The pumping device of claim 1 wherein the pigtail tip comprises a hollow hose whose lumen is in communication with that of the canula.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously Presented) The pumping device of claim 1, wherein the inlet openings are provided in an expansible suction basket including an inflow funnel.
6. (Previously Presented) The pumping device of claim 1, wherein the pigtail tip has an outer diameter that is smaller than that of the canula.
7. (Previously Presented) The pumping device claim 1, the canula has a preformed bend.
8. (Previously Presented) The pumping device of claim 1, wherein a guide wire is provided that leads through the pump and is adapted to be advanced from the canula into the pigtail tip.
9. (Previously Presented) The pumping device of claim 1, wherein the pigtail tip has lateral auxiliary openings.